

**OPINION 2093 (Case 3249)*****Lithasia* Haldeman, 1840 (Mollusca, Gastropoda): conserved**

**Abstract.** The Commission has ruled that the name *Lithasia* Haldeman, 1840 is conserved for a genus of freshwater prosobranch gastropods (family PLEUROCERIDAE) from the eastern United States by the suppression of the senior subjective synonym *Ellipstoma* Rafinesque, 1818.

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; Gastropoda; PLEUROCERIDAE; freshwater prosobranch gastropods; *Lithasia*; *Lithasia geniculata*; eastern United States.

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power it is ruled that the name *Ellipstoma* Rafinesque, 1818 is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology:
  - (a) *Ellipstoma* Rafinesque, 1818, as suppressed in (1) above;
  - (b) *Ellipsostoma* Agassiz, 1846 (an incorrect subsequent spelling of *Ellipstoma* Rafinesque, 1818);
  - (c) *Ellipsoma* Millard, 1997 (an incorrect subsequent spelling of *Ellipstoma* Rafinesque, 1818).

**History of Case 3249**

An application to conserve the name *Lithasia* Haldeman, 1840 for a genus of freshwater prosobranch gastropods (family PLEUROCERIDAE) from the eastern United States was received from Russell L. Minton (*Department of Zoology, Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL, U.S.A.*) and Arthur E. Bogan (*North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, Raleigh, U.S.A.*) on 17 July 2002. The generic name *Lithasia*, type species by monotypy *Lithasia geniculata* Haldeman, 1840, was placed on the Official List of Official Names in Zoology in Opinion 1195 (BZN 38: 259, November 1991). After correspondence the case was published in BZN 60: 103–108 (June 2003). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

**Decision of the Commission**

On 1 September 2004 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 60: 104. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 2004 the votes were as follows: 23 Commissioners voted FOR the proposals, 1 Commissioner voted AGAINST, Ng was on leave of absence.

**Original references**

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*Elliptoma* Rafinesque, 1818, *American Monthly Magazine and Critical Review*, 4: 42.

*Ellipsostoma* Agassiz, 1846, *Nomenclator zoologicus, continens nomina systematica generum animalium, tam viventium quam fossilium*, p. 33.

*Ellipsoma* Millard, 1997, *Classification of Mollusca. A classification of world wide Mollusca*, p. 86.